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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: | Eric Ryba                       | ) |          |
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|                       |                                 | ) | 3739     |
| Filed:                | August 22, 2003                 | ) |          |
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| For:                  | RESHAPEABLE TIP FOR A CRYOPROBE | ) |          |
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| Examiner:             | Roseland Stacie Rollins         | ) |          |
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| Customer No:          | 23862                           | ) |          |
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| Attorney Docket:      | 11350.23                        | ) |          |

### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2004, with a response date of February 17, 2005, be extended for one (1) month until March 17, 2005.

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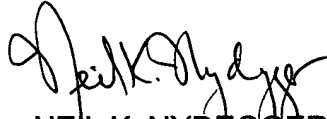
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Check No. 17316 in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 14-1519. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

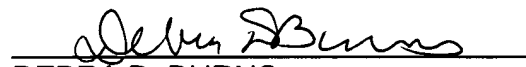


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